



Fort Monmouth Economic
Revitalization Planning Authority

August 9, 2006

Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Governor, State of New Jersey
State House
125 West State Street, P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Dear Governor Corzine:

In accordance with Section 6 of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority Act of 2006, constituting Chapter 16 of the Laws of 2006 of the State of New Jersey, I herein transmit the minutes of actions taken at the open session of the Second meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority held at Monmouth University in Wilson Hall Auditorium, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, New Jersey 07764 at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2006.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John G. Donnelly
As Acting Secretary
on Behalf of the Authority Members

Enclosures

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING

AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by John G. Donnelly as Acting Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Second meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at Monmouth University in Wilson Hall Auditorium, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, New Jersey 07764 at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2006.

Present:

Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky
Vice Chairperson and State Commerce Commission Secretary and CEO Virginia Bauer
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry
Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan
Public Member Joseph Colfer
Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan
Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo

Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie and Public Member Laurie Cannon had advised the Board previously that they would not be able to attend this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Lucky. The Open Session was convened at 6:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chair's Report:

Chairperson Lucky discussed recent activity of the Authority's ad-hoc committees created at the last meeting, and noted that he and Mayor Tarantolo will meet with representatives of the FBI in the coming week to encourage and to review the FBI's options for remaining at Fort Monmouth.

Authority Member Comments:

Freeholder Burry mentioned the benefits to the public of preserving the Fort's open space, and providing for homeless individuals, among other uses. The Authority Members then discussed their goal and federal law of ensuring that equal treatment is provided to all those who do express interest in Fort property, and that all interested parties will be directed to contact the Authority after the Authority's September 9 Outreach Notice is publicized.

Elected Officials Comments:

Chairperson Lucky then welcomed remarks by Scott Snyder, staffmember of Congressman Frank Pallone.

The Agenda was then presented for approval, with the Memorandum of Agreement between New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) and the Authority removed. Vice Chairperson Bauer moved for the approval of the agenda, Freeholder Burry seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved.

The following Agenda items were then presented.

Department of Defense Funds:

Mr. John Leigh of DoD's Office of Economic Advancement advised the Authority of his office's efforts to assist the Authority in applying and receiving DoD funds. Mr. Leigh has been meeting with Authority staff over the last two days in New Jersey in that regard. Mr. Leigh noted that John Ciufo has been very helpful as the Authority's Point of Contact for the application. The Authority members thanked Mr. Leigh for his assistance.

Personnel Committee Review of Advertisement for Executive Director

The Authority members discussed the revisions proposed by the Personnel Committee, which were consistent with the Authority's approval of the advertisement at the July 14 meeting, and directed staff to widely advertise the position in local and national media, as well as the Association of Defense Communities annual meeting materials for all participants.

At this point, Mayor Tarantolo noted that, as he had mentioned at the July 14 meeting, he would need to leave the meeting at this time in order to attend to pressing Eatontown Borough business.

0607-06: Patriots Alliance

This action is to meet the statutory requirement at Section 8 of the Act to provide for the conduct of business, including consideration at the Authority's committees of relevant subjects. After a presentation by Mr. Robert Giordano on a concept of retaining jobs, Authority Member Colfer moved the resolution to have an Authority committee review the concept, Vice Chair Bauer seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Veteran's Haven:

Col. Steve Abel of DMAVA described the State's efforts to assist its estimated 8,000 homeless veterans, and explained that DMAVA would explore, during the FMERPA Outreach process starting September 9, 2006, the possibility of establishing a facility for homeless veterans at Fort Monmouth.

Public Comments were sought by the Chair:

- 1) Mr. Jim Manning asked the Authority to keep homeless veterans issues in mind.
- 2) Mr. George Scott noted that he is a member of the American Legion, and asked that whatever can be done for the VA Clinic be done.
- 3) Mr. Robert Hodges requested that the needs of retired military personnel be considered throughout this process.
- 4) Mr. James Hogan stated that he is a Rutgers University computer science graduate who would like to move a theme park to Fort Monmouth.
- 5) Mr. Tim Mahedy stated that he supports veterans concerns and a clean environment.

Chairperson Lucky requested the Authority's wishes as to the next meeting date and time, and 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16 at Wilson Hall Auditorium at Monmouth University was selected.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Champ, seconded by Authority Member Estephan and unanimously adopted at 8:05 p.m.